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SUBJECT: STATUS OF KUWAIT/ROMANIAN PETROCHEMICAL PROJECT

REF: A) BUCHAREST 401, B) KUWAIT 1233

1. IT APPEARS PLANS FOR KUWAITI PARTICIPATION IN MIDIA (NAVODARI) PETROCHEMICAL PROJECT HAVE EITHER BEEN DROPPED OR POSTPONED INDEFINITELY. FOR PRESENT, GOR LIKELY TO PROCEED WITH PROJECT ON SMALLER SCALE WITHOUT FOREIGN PARTICIPATION.
2. IN MARCH 3 BRIEFING ON ROMANIAN CHEMICAL INDUSTRY TO WESTERN BUSINESSMAN PARTICIPATING IN BUSINESS INTERNATIONAL-SPONSORED SEMINAR, DEPUTY MINISTER CARANFIL, MIN OF CHEMICAL INDUSTRY, SAID GOR "LOOKING FOR FOREIGN PARTICIPATION (UP TO 49 PERCENT) IN DEVELOPMENT MIDIA PETROCHEMICAL PROJECT." CARANFIL SPECIFICALLY STATED THERE CURRENTLY IS NO

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FOREIGN PARTNER. HE MADE NO MENTION OF NZUOLGTIONS WITH KUWAIT. CARANFIL ALSO SAID, WITH TF WITHOUT FOREIVP PARTIIAIPATION, BUILDING NOW PROCEEDING AND MIDIA WILL BE REFINPEG OIL IN 1978. IT ALSO WAS MENTIONED THAT 40 PERCENT OF OUTPUT TO BE EXPORTED.

3. FURTHER, AND PERHAPS MORE IMPORTANT, EVIDENCE

COMES FROM IRANIAN CHARGE WHO RECENTLY TOLD EMBOFF  
THAT KUWAIT DEFINITELY DECIDED AGAINST MIDIA  
PARTICIPATION AND THAT GOR CURRENTLY DISCUSSING  
PROJECT WITH LIBSA AND ONE OTHER ARAB COUNTRY.  
THIS INFORMATION SEEMS TO COINCIDE WITH INFORMATION  
PUBLISHED REGARDING ROMANIAN/LIBYAN JOINT COMMISSION  
FOR ECONOMIC AND TECHNICAL COOPERATION HELD IN  
BUCHAREST WEEK OF FEB 20. SCINTEIA ARTICLE OF  
FEB 24 NOTES THAT LIBYAN PRESIDENT OF COMMISSION,  
EZZEDIN AL MABRUK, AL D GIBYAN SECRETARY FOR  
PETROLEUM PROBLEMS, RECEIVED BY GOR PRIME MINISTER  
MANEA MANESCU AND MINISTER OF FOREIGN TRADE PATAN.  
ARTICLE SPECIFICALLY STATES RESULTS OF THE JOINT  
COMMISSION WILL CONTRIBUTE TO "EXPANSION OF COOPERA-  
TION IN FIELD OF PETROLEUM."

4. COMMENT. THE INFORMATION REPORTED ABOVE TENDS TO  
SUPPORT THAT REPORTED IN REFTEL B CONCERNING WANING  
ENTHUSIASM OF KUWAITIS IN OIL REFINING/PETROCHEMICAL  
PROJECTS OUTSIDE KUWAIT. END SOMMENT.  
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